
Mayor Ed Murray Israel Trip

June 8 - 12, 2015

Itinerary

Monday, June 8

Jerusalem and Ramallah

Briefing with U.S. Consul General Michael Ratney

A View from City Hall: Meeting and conversation with Nir Barkat, Mayor of Jerusalem at City Hall

Meeting with David Saranga, Senior Foreign Affairs Advisor to the President of Israel

Meeting with President of Israel, Reuven Rivlin

Ramallah

--Meeting with PLO Lead Negotiator, Saeb Erekat

--Roundtable Discussion/Lunch with Palestinian Students
America House, Ramallah

--Meeting with Palestinian Columnist/businessman Sam Bahour & Hebrew University Professor Bernard Avishai

Opening Dinner: Hosted by Ambassador Alon Ushpiz, Political Director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Overnight

Jerusalem

Tuesday, June 9

Jerusalem - The New City

Yad Vashem - Remembering the Holocaust: a comprehensive tour of the Historical Museum, The Children's Memorial and the Hall of remembrance. Including a wreath laying ceremony.

Briefing with Dr. Tal Becker, Deputy Legal Adviser of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Visit OurCrowd, a crowd-sourcing firm, together with Cinq, a medical cannabis dispenser.

A View from the Knesset: Meeting with MK's at the Knesset

Meeting with Mr. Avi Hasson, the Chief Scientist of the Ministry of Economy of the State of Israel.

Visit Magen David Adom - Israel's national EMS organization.

Dinner hosted by the Consul General of Israel to the Pacific Northwest (San Francisco), Andy David.

Visit to the Western Wall

Overnight

Jerusalem

Wednesday, June 10

A View from the South

Meet with Mayor of Be'er Sheva, Ruvik Danilovich

Be'er Sheva

Ben Gurion University of the Negev - Reception at the Jack and Charlotte Spitzer School of Social Work. Lunch and tour of the campus, including meeting with the University Rector.

Visit the National Institute for Biotechnology in the Negev.

Briefing on the Advanced Technologies Park and BGU Cyber Research with Prof. Dan Blumberg, Vice President and Dean for Research and Development.

Visit **Sderot** to overlook Israel's border with the Gaza strip with a briefing on the current issues.

Visit a local play area for insight into how children and families adapt to the security measures taken to address possible missile strikes and the impact these measures have on day to day life.

A visit to an Iron Dome battery [*pending confirmation*], and/or an IDF base in the area. Briefing from Brigadier General (Res.) Eitan Yariv, Former Commander of Israel's Air Defense Command

Overnight

Tel Aviv

Thursday, June 11

Tel Aviv

Morning briefing on High Tech and the Economy with Yossi Vardi, Israeli entrepreneur and investor.

Meeting and presentation with Woosh Water at their facility in **Petah Tikva**

A Wider Bridge '40 Years of Pride Conference' - Mayor Murray to give the Closing Keynote Address

Meet with local companies in the areas of IT/Tech, Global Health/Life Sciences, Clean Energy, Emergency Management at event titled: The Seeds of Israeli Entrepreneurship, hosted by Wendy Singer, Exec. Director of Start Up Nation Central

Meet with Former President Shimon Peres

Overnight

Tel Aviv

Friday, June 12

Tel Aviv - Gay Pride Parade

Informal breakfast and meet in greet at the American Embassy

with interested Embassy staff and members of the diplomatic corps interested in LGBT issues. Mayor and participating delegates march with the Ambassador in the parade.

Overnight

Tel Aviv